

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
Audit Branch**

No. 5624-F(P)

Dated, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

*NOTIFICATION*

**Sub: Option for coverage under "Swasthya Sathi" Scheme**

In terms of this Department notification No. 5594-F(P) dated 06.09.2017, teachers, workers and other employees under different Departments as specified in the said notification were brought under the Swasthya Sathi Scheme. It has been mentioned at Para 3 therein that such teachers, workers and employees, as specified in the said notification, who receive monthly medical allowance can opt for the Swasthya Sathi Scheme by forgoing the monthly medical allowance.

2. In order to facilitate the process of exercising such option by the concerned teachers and employees under different Departments as specified in the notification No. 5594-F(P) dated 06.09.2017 to forego the monthly medical allowance to come under the Swasthya Sathi Scheme, the following guidelines are formulated:

- (a) Existing teachers / employees under the different Departments as specified in the said notification, who opt to forego the monthly medical allowance now available, should apply immediately to forego the same to get coverage under Swasthya Sathi Scheme.
  - (b) Teachers / employees who apply within 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 to forego the monthly medical allowance may be covered under Swasthya Sathi from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 and those who apply during 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 may be covered from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 under the Scheme.
  - (c) Any newly appointed teacher / employee as specified in the said notification who is willing to opt for Swasthya Sathi Scheme coverage should apply within one year of her/his joining to forego the available monthly medical allowance. Those who apply during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September may be covered under Swasthya Sathi from 1<sup>st</sup> October and those who apply during 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March of a financial year may be covered from 1<sup>st</sup> April of the next financial year.
  - (d) The option of forgoing the monthly medical allowance to come under the Swasthya Sathi Scheme will be effective from the date of coverage under the Swasthya Sathi Scheme. So the teachers / employees will continue to get the monthly medical allowance prior to the month of such inclusion under the Swasthya Sathi Scheme.
3. The concerned authorities may take appropriate action accordingly.
  4. This shall come into force with immediate effect.

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